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# STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

## Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a National Application. No fee or certification is required.

### Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the aboveidentified application: The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached European Standard Search Report.

## **REMARKS**

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

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1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other

information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited

information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the

examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this

application.

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art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant(s), the Examiner is urged to form his or

her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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